

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

St. Ignatius Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

East side of Rt. 80 (Fingerboard Road)

6th E.D. 7

CITY, TOWN

Urbana

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Map 96 P 153

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☒ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Catholic Church of Urbana

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

c/o Gallagher Evelius &amp; Jones, 1100 One Charles Center

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore, Maryland 21201

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Court House

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Court St.

CITY, TOWN

Frederick, Md. 21701

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

St. Ignatius Church is a 1 1/2 story rectangular shaped frame building with a gable roof which faces west on the east side of Rt. 80.

It is a functioning church and is detached from any other buildings. However, there is a cemetery to the east and south side of the building.

The principal facade is 3 bays in width but, the 1st and 3rd bays are unoccupied. The 4 panel main entrance door which is unusually wide is located in a two step gabled entrance porch with an iron railing, which extends from the west side of the building in the second bay. A gothic 2/2 window is located above the door on the second level. The tin roof is finished off by a plain boxed cornice with return. A belfry tower with a slate roof straddles the gable on the west side. The building is built on a foundation of high random rubble stone.

The south side of the church which is 3 bays wide has 2 windows in the 1st and 3rd bays on each level. These 2/2 windows have plain trim with louvered shutters. (The shutters are missing in the first level) There is a door in the second bay on the 1st level with wooden steps. An inside single brick chimney is located on the northeast corner of the roof.

The north and south sides are similar being 4 bays wide. On the first level, the windows are located on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th bays. These 9/6 windows have louvered shutters and plain trim. The only windows on the second level are in the northeast corner and the southeast corner.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# **8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	c. 1876	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

By 1875, a small Catholic congregation had begun worshipping together in private homes in and around Urbana, and eventually St. Ignatius Church evolved as an outlying mission of St. John's Church in Frederick. <sup>1</sup>

The land for a church was deeded to James Roosevelt Bayley, Archbishop of Baltimore by Charles Dronenberg and Ann Rebecca Dronenberg on May 17, 1876 for \$130. <sup>2</sup>Soon after this date the existing church building was constructed under the direction of Father John Gaffney.

It is believed by many that Ignatius Toodle, a legendary Black leader helped to organize the church and raise the needed funds for its construction although it has never been documented.

While under the ministry of Father B. McCabe, the parish expanded its facilities.

A cemetery which contains the graves of many of the prominent local families including Ignatius Toodle is located to the south and east of the building.

1. History of Frederick County, p. 498
2. Frederick Foundations, Religion in Frederick County

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

History of Frederick County, Regional Publishing Co., 1967, Baltimore, Md.  
 T.J.C. Williams, P. 498.  
 Frederick News-Post, Frederick Foundations, December, 1975.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 Acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Cherilyn Widell

3/8/77

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Planning Commission

DATE

663-8300 Ext. 266

STREET & NUMBER

East Church St., Winchester Hall

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

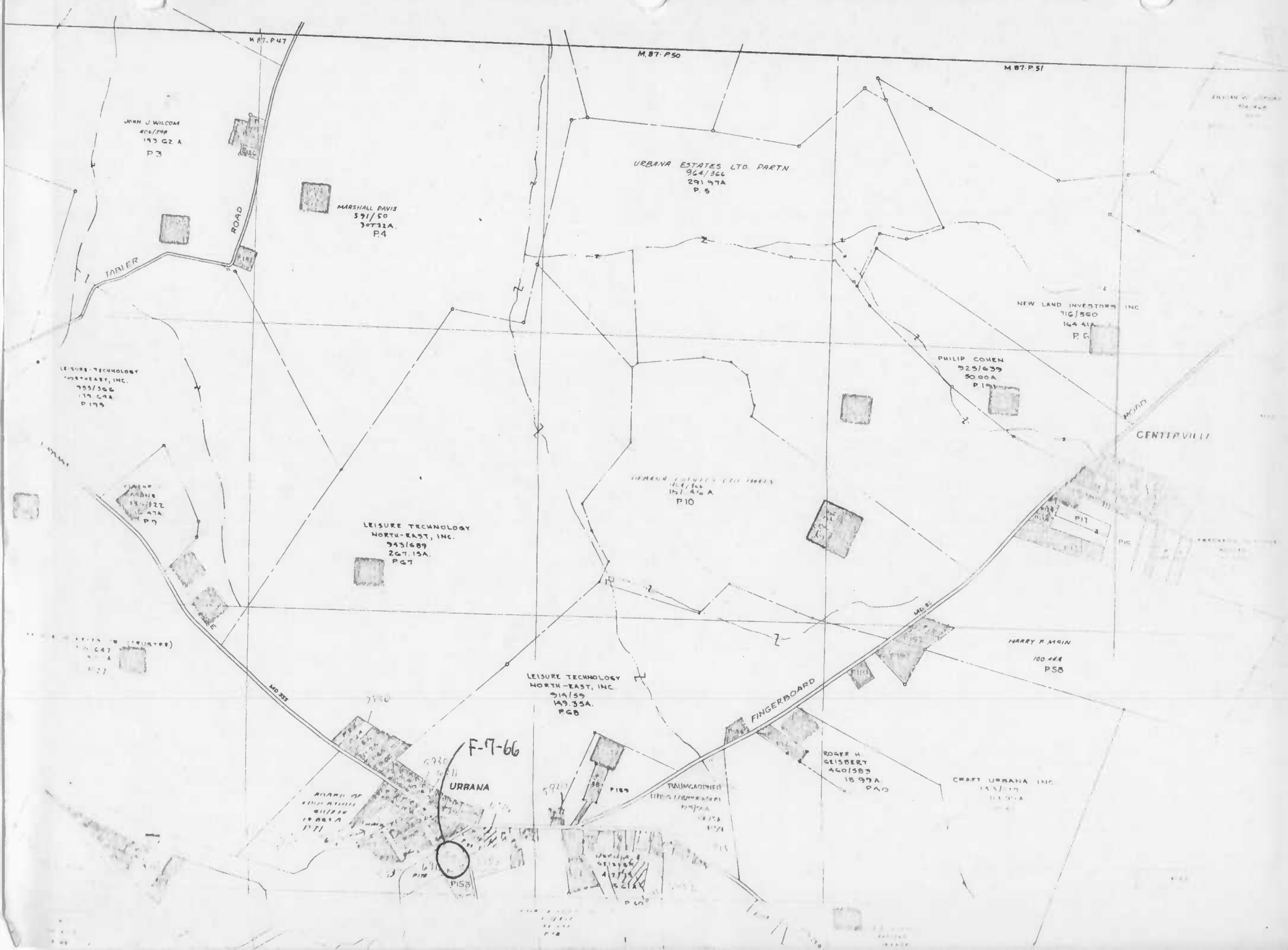


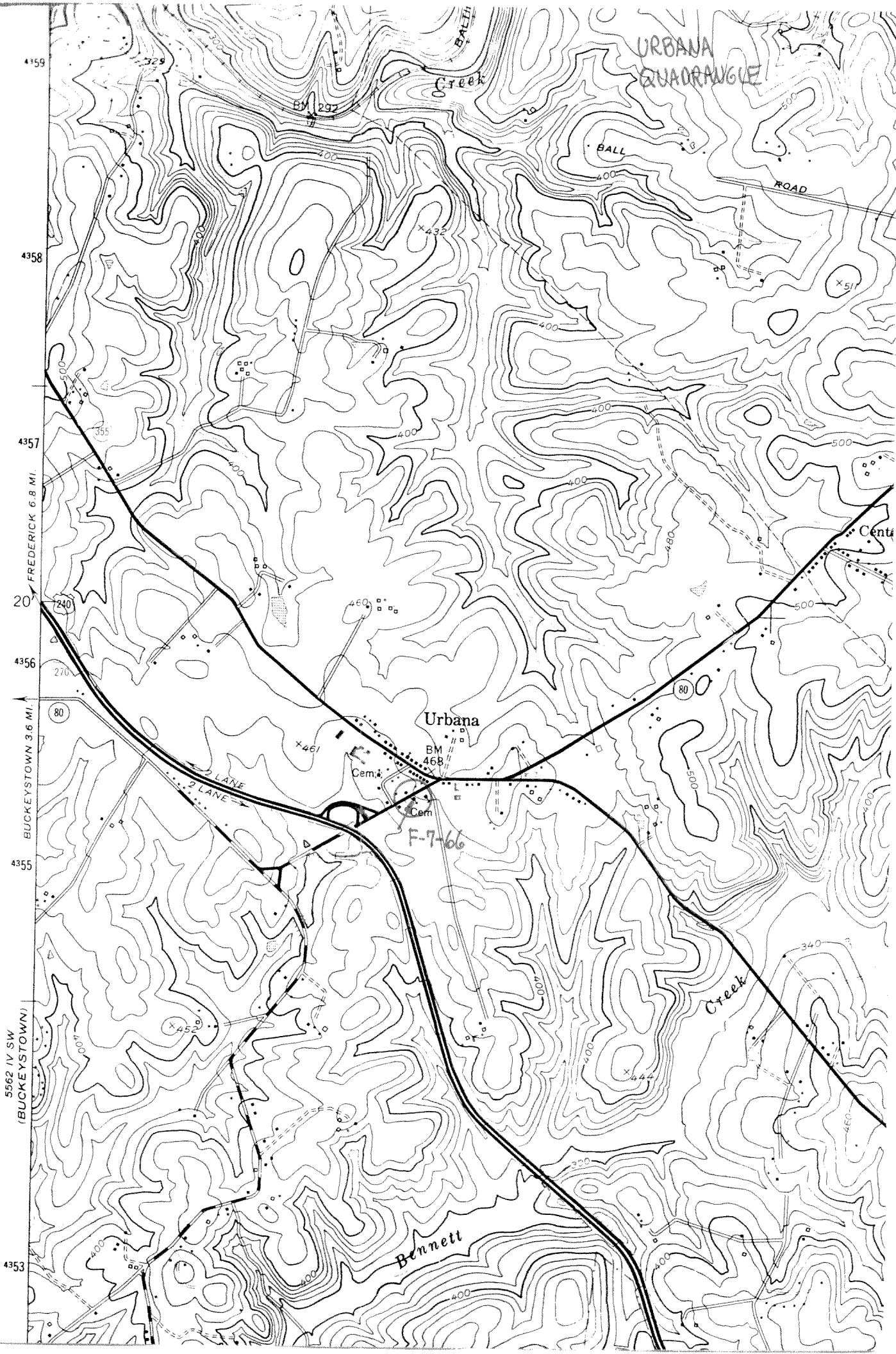
Jon et Davis

Aug. 24, 1993

Not to Scale

— — — Survey District  
Boundary









St. Ignatius Church F-7-66

E/o Rte 80 in UALANA below Rte 355

West side

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St. Ignatius Church

F-7-66

East side Rte 80

Urbana

Northeast Side





Catholic Church, Urbana, Ma.

St Ignatius Catholic Church  
Original postcard owned by Pauline Runkles  
Postmarked Jan 18, 1911

F-7-66